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BROCKTON VIOLENT FELON SENTENCED ON DRUG AND GUN CHARGES

Boston, MA... A Brockton man was sentenced today in federal court for distribution of crack cocaine and being a convicted violent felon in possession of guns, ammunition and body armor.

United States Attorney Michael J. Sullivan; Glenn N. Anderson, Special Agent in Charge of the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives in New England; and Edward Davis, Commissioner of the Boston Police Department, announced today that **DERONE BREWINGTON**, age 24, of Brockton, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Reginald C. Lindsay to 12 years in prison, to be followed by 8 years of supervised release. On October 18, 2006, **BREWINGTON** pleaded guilty to a three-count indictment charging him with possessing with intent to distribute crack cocaine, being a convicted felon in possession of guns and ammunition, and being convicted violent felon in possession of body armor.

At the earlier plea hearing the prosecutor told the Court that, had the case proceeded to trial, the evidence would have proven that in Boston on February 28, 2004, **BREWINGTON** possessed with intent to distribute 5 grams or more of crack cocaine. The evidence would also have shown that, at the time, **BREWINGTON** was also in possession of a .45 caliber Glock semi-automatic pistol with an obliterated serial number, a 9mm Baretta semi-automatic pistol also with an obliterated serial number, and over one hundred rounds of ammunition along with a bullet proof vest after having been convicted of a violent felony.

Federal law prohibits individuals previously convicted of a state or federal felony from possessing firearms, ammunition or body armor.

The case was referred to the U.S. Attorney's Office by Suffolk County District Attorney Daniel Conley for federal prosecution as part of President Bush's Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) Initiative which makes prosecution of firearms cases a top priority and provides a comprehensive, strategic approach to reducing gun violence in America. Since 2002, when the U.S. Attorney's Office implemented the Project Safe Neighborhoods Initiative, eleven cities across the state, including Boston, have joined in the program. In their on-going PSN efforts, the

Suffolk County District Attorney's Office and the Boston Police Department, along with the ATF and the U.S. Attorney's Office have worked closely on investigations with the goal of reducing firearm related activity, the availability of guns on the streets, and gang violence in the Boston.

The case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Boston Police Department. It was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Seth Berman in Sullivan's Criminal Division.

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